

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2429 - SB 2577

February 16, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Clarifies that the power of the Commissioner of Education to waive statutes for charter schools does not include waiving the requirements of the charter school law itself.

Under the present law governing charter schools, the sponsor of a proposed public charter school may apply to either the local education agency (LEA) or to the Commissioner of Education for a waiver of ANY State Board of Education rule or statute that inhibits or hinders the proposed charter school's ability to meet its goals or comply with its mission statement.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumes the bill will have no fiscal effect since the bill merely provides clarification of existing law.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director